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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted electronically through Zoom
January 20, 2021

Call to Order: Supervisor Koshar called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call of Officers: Supervisor Mike Koshar, Clerk Douglas De Leo, Treasurer Phillip Pitts, Trustee Georgette Peterson, Trustee Ted Swanson.

Public Comment: None

Approval/changes of Meeting Agenda: Approved as presented

Minutes of previous Meeting: Motion by Phillip Pitts to approve the minutes of the 12/16/2020 meeting that were emailed out to board members. Copies are on file at the township hall. Supported by Georgette Peterson. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Report: Jason Brush gave report on police activities that went on in the township for the month of December. Twenty-nine police calls with full report on file.

Sheriff Abbott reported that thieves are on the prowl and that catalytic converters are the target.

Fire Department: ABB. Fire Chief Derek Babcock reported that 38 calls for the month of December with 2 medical calls for Arlington Township. Year to Date 524 calls for the department. Ice rescue training will be conducted in February 2021. Two members will travel to Wisconsin for the newest up to date training.

Lawrence Fire Department Chief Mike Anchor reported that December was normal for calls. One of their trucks was damaged while parked on the side of the road

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assisting a medical call. His members will attend ice rescue training also. One medical call in Arlington for the month of December.

Ambulance Report: Pride Care's report is on file at township office. Eight calls in Arlington Township.

Van Buren County Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Doroh reported on Covid19 vaccines given through the Van Buren/Cass County District Health Department. Residents can call the health department and register for next available vaccine clinic.

Road Commission: Van Buren County Road Commissioner reported that crews were out plowing snow.

Senior Services: Treasurer of Senior Services Van Buren County, Douglas De Leo gave report on moving forward with remodeling former Village Market in South Haven. The building will consist of new offices, kitchen, dining room, all purpose room and meeting rooms.

Board of Review: Hal Manning reported that board members were not able to attend classes this year due to the shutdown of face to face meetings. Assessor Manning attended a virtual meeting. The Michigan State Department of Health has not lifted the closure of public meetings and at this time the Board of Review may be virtual.

Township Attorney: Brian Knotek has two cases that will be heard in Van Buren County Courts. Due to the county shutdown, all court cases have been cancelled and he is hoping for a schedule date in early February 2021. Attorney Knotek is keeping Supervisor Koshar up to date on all activities.

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Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer: John O'Connell is compiling photos and other information that is requested by township attorney.

Clerk's Report: I conducted a partial compliance audit for the 11/3/2020 presidential election at the request of the County Clerk.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Koshar gave a report on marijuana application procedures. He also gave a report on Consumers Energy's decision where to install new electric service to the emergency services building.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance for the month of January 2021 at Sturgis Bank & Trust was: \$167,038.83, monthly receipts: \$44,348.31, monthly expenditures: \$17,971.36, ending balance: \$193,415.78. The treasurer also submitted a budget amendment, #2 for fiscal year 4/01/20 thru 3/31/2021. A copy of the amendment will be attached to minutes. Roll call was taken, Koshar, yes, De Leo, yes, Pitts, yes, Swanson, yes, Peterson, yes. Motion by Trustee Peterson to pay monthly invoices was offered and support by Phil Pitts. Roll call: Koshar, yes. De Leo, yes, Pitts, yes, Peterson, yes, Swanson, Yes. A budget workshop will be held on February 06/2021 at 9:00am. The workshop will be held virtual.

Old Business: The treasurer and clerk will meet with a banking specialist with Sturgis Bank in Bangor on January 25, 2021 to gain information on combining funds at one institute. Information on a debit card for the township will be reported back next meeting.

2. Supervisor Koshar has ordered training material from Michigan Township Association and will be available for all.

3. Supervisor Koshar has been in contact with U.S. Business Systems and will have a representative bring out a printer, copier, and fax machine that will accommodate

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all of our computer printing needs. A recommendation will be made after we receive a price and maintenance contract amount.

4. Office manager position was discussed and some additional information will be needed before a decision can be made.

New Business:

1. SUP renewal for Ground Control of Michigan LLC/Passmore-130 Hastings Court, Bangor. After much discussion, motion by Phillip Pitts to move on the motion as follows, supported by Georgette Peterson.

I move that the Board adopt the findings and recommendation of the Planning Commission for GROUND CONTROL MICH., LLC at 130 Hastings Court as its own and that the Special Use Permit Renewal be approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission recommendation.

Roll call vote: Ted Swanson, yes. Georgette Peterson, yes. Phillip Pitts, yes. Douglas De Leo, no, Michael Koshar, yes. Motion carried.

2. SUP renewal for Ground Control of Michigan (Waypoint Processing) 54341 M-43 Bangor. The ownership of Waypoint Processing and Ground Control of Michigan (Hasting Court) was discussed that Waypoint Processing leases the grow operation at 130 Hasting Court, Bangor. Motion by: Phillip Pitts, supported by Ted Swanson.

I move that the Board adopt the findings and recommendation of the Planning Commission for GROUND CONTROL MICH., LLC at 130 Hastings Court as its own and that the Special Use Permit Renewal be approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission recommendation. Roll Call:

Douglas De Leo, no, Michael Kosher, yes, Phillip Pitts, yes, Ted Swanson, yes, Georgette Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

3. SUP renewal for Pelican Farms. LLC (24958 CR 215) Bangor. A motion by Phillip Pitts to renew the SUP for Pelican Farms LLC, supported by Georgette Peterson.

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I move that the Board adopt the findings and recommendation of the Planning Commission for Pelican Farms, LLC (24958 CR 215) Bangor as its own and that the Special Use Permit renewal be approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission recommendation. Roll Call: De Leo, no, Peterson, no, Pitts, yes, Koshar, no, Swanson, no. Motion failed.

Discussion followed concerning time line of original SUP issues. It was discussed that the original SUP was 18 months ago with nothing completed on property. Blight issues have been on going.

Ted Swanson made a motion to deny the SUP due to due diligent on issues of no action taken on original SUP, not the best use for land, congestion from another grower, not a good economical use for property, ongoing blight issues. Supported by Douglas De Leo,

Comments were given by Phillip Pitts that he was disappointed that Board members were picking the Planning Commission recommendation apart.

Planning Chairperson Derek Babcock offered his resignation followed by planning member Joe Wooding. Annie Davison Funke who is Zoning administration assistant quit her position, but will maintain her position on the Board of Review.

The vote was called for, roll call: De Leo, yes, Peterson, no, Pitts, no, Swanson, yes, Koshar, no. Motion failed to deny SUP.

After much discussion and interruptions from non- board members Brian recommended that we make a motion to send it back to the planning commission for more information on the Blight issue with dates and times and also the Board wanted more details about the time line of this sup. Was the 18 months it being at a standstill correct?

A Motion by Georgette Peterson to remand back to Planning Commission for more information on Pelican Farm SUP concerning blights, time line of original

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SUP. Roll call vote: Georgette Peterson Yes, Phillip Pitts, Yes, Michael Koshar, yes, Douglas De Leo, yes, Ted Swanson, NO

4. 50405 28th Ave., LLC (Property Address: 50504 28th Ave) Bangor.
50504 28th Inc. presented a new site plan with some changes from the original. At this time the Planning Commission is recommending the approval of the revised site plan at the 01/06/2021 meeting. The SUP renewal will be taken up at a later meeting due to the fact that they are requesting additional licenses. This action required a public hearing and is scheduled for 02/03/21.
A motion by Phillip Pitts that follows:
I move that the Board adopt the findings and recommendation of the Planning Commission as its own and that the Revised Site Plan Approval for 50405 28th Ave., be approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission recommendation.
Motion was supported by Georgette Peterson. Roll call vote: De Leo, no, Pitts, yes, Koshar, yes, Swanson, yes, Peterson, yes.
5. Fact finding committee for the Construction Board of Appeals needs members. Chairperson needs to be a licensed builder in the State of Michigan. A motion to table was submitted by: Swanson, supported by Pitts, all voted yes to table.
6. Email blast for Arlington. Georgette Peterson has volunteered to take on this responsibility and anyone with township information or news should contact her.
7. Some discussion on notifying residents who property is only 300 feet from a special use permit request that requires a public hearing should be increased to a farther distance.

Adjournment: Supervisor Koshar adjourned the meeting at 9:15p.m.

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